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MEMORANDUM TO: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

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SUBJECT

1. Due to the Middle East situation and the possibility of SAC implementation of their EWP, the subject of a dispersal base and emergency war plan for [REDACTED] has been raised. Since in Plan I of the EWP proposal all CHALICE reconnaissance assets remain under control of CIA, this memorandum will pertain to Plan II in which overseas CHALICE reconnaissance assets revert to SAC upon implementation of their EWP.

2. It is felt that the decision should be based on the following considerations:

a. A war of short duration (30 days or less) involving nuclear weapons and/or mass destruction techniques.

b. A war of longer duration (30 days or more) involving conventional high explosive or small tactical type nuclear weapons and confined to specific geographical areas.

c. SAC will implement their EWP in the event that either "a" or "b" above occurs. The degree of implementation will depend on the situation.

3. As pertains to 2 a. above the following considerations are offered:

a. As CHALICE overseas assets revert to SAC in event of war, it logically follows that the R & D function, rear area maintenance function and ZI depot should also revert to SAC in order to properly support the anticipated extensive over-flight operation.

b. The above moves would, of course, phase CIA completely out of the U-2 picture, but in case of war this situation would be most desirable.

c. In the event of war, plans should be made to immediately fly every available U-2 to Del Rio as Edwards AFB certainly offers a more lucrative and more accessible target than Del Rio.

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d. If the above concept is approved, the subject of EWP for [REDACTED] should be included in the SAC EWP along with SAC assumption of control of all other CHALICE air assets.

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